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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
FROM : F. W. M. Janney
Director of Personnel
SUBJECT : Payment/Non-Payment of EOD and Travel
Expenses for Presidential Appointees

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1. This is a follow-up to my memorandum of this date concerning payment/non-payment of EOD and travel expenses for Presidential appointees. In that memorandum I advised you that we would provide you with further information as soon as we received a call from our Civil Service Commission contact.

2. The Commission contact referred us to the General Services Administration, which he said was more concerned with Government travel than was the CSC. Mr. Larry [redacted] Chief, Staff Personnel Division, made contact with an appropriate officer at GSA, who advised him that their philosophy is that the President asks individuals to take senior positions in the Government and if they do not feel that they can afford the expense of accepting such a position, the President passes onto another individual who can meet the requirements or sacrifices incident to such an appointment. After saying this, the GSA contact stated that they have raised the issue in the past with the Government Accounting Office and that organization has given oral opinions to the effect that there is no authorization to pay for the travel or shipment of household effects of Presidential appointees. GSA has sensed a reluctance on the part of GAO to put such an opinion in writing, and GSA is apparently satisfied to let the issue rest.

3. In summary, we find that payment of travel and EOD expenses of Presidential appointees has apparently not been the practice in the past, that it would be questionable legality, and that the only way to further refine the question would be for this Agency to ask GAO to give a formal ruling.

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F. W. M. Janney

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